

READING AND WRITING: RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

All About Adolescent Literacy — <http://www.adlit.org>

AdLit.org is a national multimedia project offering information and resources to the parents and educators of struggling adolescent readers and writers.

Between the Lions — <http://pbskids.org/lions/need-flash.html>

This website is designed for parents and kids to surf together. Stories from the popular PBS show are posted online with links to associated games.

The Children's Book Council — <http://www.cbcbooks.org>

The Children's Book Council, Inc. is a nonprofit trade association of publishers and packagers of trade books and related materials for children and young adults. This site provides reading lists, information about children's books, and an author/illustrator directory among its many resources.

The Children's Literature Web Guide — <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>

The Children's Literature Web Guide is an attempt to gather together and categorize the growing number of Internet resources related to books for Children and Young Adults. Much of the information found throughout these pages is provided by fans (of the site), schools, libraries, and commercial enterprises involved in the book world. This site provides quick references, web links, book awards lists, and discussion boards focused on children's literature.

Florida Center for Reading Research — <http://www.fcrr.org/forparents.htm>

The Florida Center for Reading Research headed by Dr. Joe Torgensen, includes information for parents about curriculum and instruction, assessment programs, and presentations and publications.

Get Ready to Read — <http://www.getreadytoread.org/screening-tools/supportive-materials/for-parents>

This web site provides online and printable materials as well as follow-up activities and resources for supporting a child's early literacy development.

Interactive Learning Exercises (Early Childhood) — http://www.literacycenter.net/lessonview_en.htm

The Literacy Center aims to provide safe learning activities for parents and teachers to share with young children. It follows a modified Montessori approach to teaching reading. This site provides online tutoring in identifying colors, creating basic shapes, phoneme awareness, and learning to write letters and words. It is available in English, Spanish, German, and French.

Interesting Things for ESL Students — <http://www.manythings.org>

This web site provides practice activities for ELL students including: word games, puzzles, quizzes, exercises, slang, proverbs to practice vocabulary, sentence construction, grammar, listening and pronunciation. All the exercises are self-scoring and students receive immediate feedback.

International Children's Digital Library (ICDL) — <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

This web site provides a collection of digital books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary books from throughout the world. The ICDL Foundation aspires to have every culture and language represented so that every child can know and appreciate the riches of children's literature from the world community.

National Children's Literacy Website — <http://www.child2000.org/lit-tipsMenu.htm>

The National Children's Literacy Website, a not-for-profit initiative dedicated to advancing the literacy skills of young children, promoting literacy as an integral factor in the growth of society, and enhancing literacy in a variety of home and child care settings providing a variety of "tips" for families.

Read Across America — <http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. This web site provides information on the highlighted book each year.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) — <http://www.rif.org/literacy-resources/booklist/>

Kids need books that grab and inspire them. Browse these lists for books to get the child in your life excited to turn the page to a brighter future.

Reading Rockets — <http://www.readingrockets.org/families>

Reading Rockets, a national multimedia project that looks at how young kids learn to read, offers free downloadable

print guides for teachers and parents. This includes a teacher's guide that contains instructional techniques and strategies based on what reading research shows is most effective, as well as a family guide available in Spanish, Hmong and Somali. The family guide is a great resource for teachers to share with the parents of English language learner students.